

## Summary

### Romany Religion, Tradition and Customs

I tried to describe tradition and customs of Slovakian Romany people in my thesis,

I showed their life cycle from birth and christening up to dying, death and funeral.

The Romany attitude towards faith and religion is showed too which lies on natural animistic basis mainly, combined with elements borrowed from Christian religion of the major population.

I looked for the traditional customs in my family, our ancestors come from Bardějov in Slovakia. I was interested in the fact to which extent the original values and Romany roots maintained.

The information I obtained in the conversation, observation and my own experience I used in my thesis. The information is an insight into the Romany community, shows the degree of confirmation of cultural elements and the change of attitudes within one family in three generations. The portion of non-Romany origin is higher gradually and the total degree of the influence of the major Czech culture is higher as well. This is an entirely subjective view on the fact and selfreflexion is added which could be a basis for a deeper research.

Chapter one deals with the purpose of the thesis. In the chapter two I describe the methodology and the research sample. Chapter three deals with religion and particular Romany traditional customs and habits as Romany national feeling, relationships and roles in the family, respect for age, endogamy, wedding, birth, christening. I pay a special attention to death, funeral and Romany fear of their deads. Chapter four deals with what Romany people think about the major society, describes the feelings of assimilated Romany people being integrated into other Romany people by the major society. Chapter five deals with the attitude towards religion and faith within my family. In the chapter six there is a summary to which extent the observed aspects of Romany tradition and customs remained or dissolved on the contrary in my family. Chapter seven is the conclusion. Chapter

eight contains the bibliography and I enclose interesting family photographs as appendix in chapter nine.

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